**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, October 8th, 2023 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

**Announcements**

**Gospel Greeting** – To the church of God . . . to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1:2-3

**Call to Worship Song** – NTH 734 – Gloria Patria

**Call to Worship** – Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:4-5

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 299 – Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

**Reading of the Law** – Matthew 5:17-22

(Silent Confession of Sin)

**Corporate Confession of Sin** – Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your great mercy, you sent your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting righteousness. Grant us true repentance that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by faith in Your life-giving Gospel. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may be ever thankful and live a faithful and godly life in your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon** – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

**Exhortation to Give** – Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Psalm 96:8

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: NTH 500 – Rock of Ages)

**Doxology** – NTH 732

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– NTH 459 – I Am Not Skilled to Understand

– Thank You for Your Mercy

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Isaiah 45:14-19 / NT: John 18:15-27

Isaiah 45:14–19 (ESV)

14 Thus says the Lord: “The wealth of Egypt and the merchandise of Cush, and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you and be yours; they shall follow you; they shall come over in chains and bow down to you. They will plead with you, saying: ‘Surely God is in you, and there is no other, no god besides him.’ ” 15 Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior. 16 All of them are put to shame and confounded; the makers of idols go in confusion together. 17 But Israel is saved by the Lord with everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity. 18 For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): “I am the Lord, and there is no other. 19 I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, ‘Seek me in vain.’ I the Lord speak the truth; I declare what is right.

John 18:15–27 (ESV)

15 Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, 16 but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. 17 The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” 18 Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. 19 The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. 20 Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. 21 Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” 22 When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” 23 Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” 24 Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. 25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” 27 Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of John 18:15-27: “Christ Denied and God Interrogated”

Jesus is denied by His chief disciple – and put on trial by worldly religionists.

1. Jesus is denied for fear of a servant girl. (John 18:15-18)
   1. Confessing Christ vs. the fear of people.
2. Jesus is interrogated for His doctrine and disciples. (John 18:19-24)
   1. Confessing Christ publicly.
3. Jesus is denied twice more. (John 18:25-27)
   1. Confessing Christ as forgiven deniers of Christ.

**Prayer of Application**

**Psalm of Response** – NTH 247 – O Sacred Head Now Wounded

**Benediction** – Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17